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1. In mid-February a shipyard at Ts'angch'ienshan (倉前山) (Foochow) had approximately 1,200 employees. The manager is LIN Hsiang (林祥), whose younger brother LIN Tsun (林遵) was the former Nationalist Naval Attache in Washington. Approximately 12 Soviet advisers are at the yard; they are in charge of designing the craft, the installation and repair of guns, and the final checking of the vessels built.
2. In early February work was completed on 43 landing craft of 600-1,200 tons at this shipyard. This work was done in 3 months. Each of these vessels was painted silver grey and light blue and was equipped with 4 x 15 mm guns, 2 on the stern and 2 on the bow. 14 per month.
3. In mid-February repairs and the installation of new weapons on approximately 50 former Nationalist naval craft was being rushed at Whampoa shipyards, which now have modern Soviet machinery as a result of recent expansion.
4. In mid-February a large Swatow shipyard, for the construction of freighters and parts for naval craft, had approximately 140 Soviet technicians. In early February the construction of five torpedo boats was completed at this yard.
5. There is a small shipyard at Ch'angchou (113-26, 23-04) for the construction of wooden boats. In early February approximately 80 small landing craft were built there and turned over to the shipyards at Whampoa for armament installation.
6. In early March approximately 80 wooden boats, constructed at the Ho Tso (合作) Dockyard, Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52), were towed to the Hsing Cheng Sha (興)

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聖沙) Machine Shop, Ch'angchou, for the fitting of engines and steel plate. Each boat was 30 feet long and 12 feet wide. [REDACTED] the Ho Tso Dockyard has a contract with the Kwangtung authorities to build 200 such craft before the end of June 1951.

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7. In mid-March approximately 200 new junks were being equipped with one or two engines each at a Ch'angchou shipyard. Those with two engines were approximately 100-ton vessels and were fitted with a small cranes.

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